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RESPONSE

The Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Examiner Taylor:

Thank you for the Office Action dated Sept. 25, 2000. Please enter these amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On p.3, line 25, after "09/049,806", please insert -\(\)(now, US Pat No 6,114,152

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-23, the subject matter of which will be presented in a continuing application.

REMARKS

Amendments

These amendments merely insert a patent number corresponding to a recited application number and introduce no new matter.

Election/Restriction

Applicant's confirm election of Group I and have canceled claims of Group II.